

# Man's Problems/ God's Solutions

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Job 14:1- "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble."

1 Cor. 10:13

1. It can be said that to have problems puts us in good company. As long as we are in this present world, problems will be a part of our daily experience. Some things are True relative to problems:
  - A. According to Matt 5:45, who is it that will experience problems? Only the unjust? \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Problems are inevitable and unavoidable.
  - C. Problems are means by which we can g \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Problems are not necessarily " \_\_\_\_\_ ".
  - E. Problem solving is the \_\_\_\_\_ activity of life.
  - F. Problems grow more complex each year of your life.
  - G. Problem solvers become better problem solvers.
  - H. Problem solvers R \_\_\_\_\_ rather than r \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Some Questions to Ask Yourself????
  - A. Does EVERYBODY have problems? Yes or No
  - B. Can I be the exception to having problems? Yes or No
  - C. Does God have the solutions to ALL my problems? Yes or No
  - D. How do I find those answers? \_\_\_\_\_
    1. People spend millions of dollars per year calling psychics and visiting palm readers to no avail.
  - E. We are able to look \_\_\_\_\_ ward fairly clearly on the past, but we cannot look \_\_\_\_\_ ward into the future apart from what we read in the Word of God.
  - F. IF we could see into the future, our lives would be altered. If we knew prosperity was coming, we would live] Carelessly. If we knew that adversity or trouble was coming, then we would live with constant anxiety and fear.
  - G. God is good to keep the future a secret. James deals with these ideas in James 4:13-17. He tells them that even though we cannot know the future, we still must deal with it honestly.
3. There were three mistakes that these believers were making that we still make today. James warned us of these to help us to not make the same mistake. In James 4:1-10, James' readers were guilty of indifference toward one another.
  - A. The First Mistake we need to avoid is: **Making Foolish Plans.**

According to vs. 13, they are indifferent toward \_\_\_\_\_. God is being ignored. They were leaving God out of their lives. This is worldliness. Here is their PLAN:

    1. The Plan is constructed- The Time: Today or Tomorrow 2. The Place is chosen: 3. What they plan to do: they are going to make their fortune. 3. The Period is Calculated. They only need a year to succeed.
    4. Their profit is computed. "Get gain" becomes their focus. 5. The Results are stated
    2. The Problem is: They lived their lives with NO regard for God's will. They planned their future with no regard for God's will. They can plan; but the results or consequences are up to God. Prov. 1:10-14
    3. There are two kinds of Atheist: 1. An Intellectual atheist says that there is no God. Ps. 14:1, 53:1
    2. There is a "Practical Atheist". This is one who knows there is a God, but lives as if He does not exist. This person lives as he pleases with no regard to God or the Bible.
    4. The right attitude is found in vs. 15. We need to ask, "What would God have me do with my life?" And "What is the Lord's will in this situation?" Rom. 12:1,2 2 Fundamental questions of life- Acts 9:5,6
  - B. The Second Mistake we need to avoid is: **Making Foolish Presumptions. James 4:14-16**
    1. We need to grasp the Complexity of life. Life is filled with many variables. What is shall not always be.
    2. These believers failed to grasp the Uncertainty of life. Vs. 14 ALL of life is subject to God's will.
    3. These believers failed to grasp the Brevity of life. At best, life is short.
    4. There are certain terms that God uses to describe "LIFE" in the Bible.

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| 1. _____ | I Chron. 29:15    | a. Of few days and full of trouble.                    |
| 2. _____ | Job 7:6           | b. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and spend w/o hope |
| 3. _____ | Job 8:9           | c. As a shadow   |
| 4. _____ | Job 9:25-26       | d. As an handbreadth                                   |
| 5. _____ | Job 14:1,2        | e. But of yesterday, .... Are a shadow                 |
| 6. _____ | Psalms 39:4-5     | f. As grass, as a flower of the field.                 |
| 7. _____ | Psalms 103: 15-16 | g, are swifter than a post..... As the swift ships     |
| 8. _____ | James 4:14        | h. A vapour  |

C. The Third Mistake we need to avoid is: **Foolish Postponements**

1. Procrastination is nothing new. Pharaoh- Exod. 8:10 Belshazzar- Dan. 5:1-31
2. Don't postpone in the matter of Salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2; Prov. 27:1
3. Don't postpone in the matter of Service.
  - A. The time to work in NOW. John 9:4
  - B. The time to do good is NOW. Prov. 3:27-28
  - C. Obedience is only obedience if it is done quickly, sweetly, and completely.

4. If you do make any kind (foolish or good) plans and they don't come to pass, then you have DISAPPOINTMENT

Prov 13:12- Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

- A. You will not live long before you realize that things don't always happen as expected or planned.
- B. When that which is expected, desired, or planned does not occur when or in the way we planned, we experience disappointment.
- C. Disappointment is defined as defeat or failure of expectation, hope, wish, desire, or intention; miscarriage of design or plan.

1. Prov. 14:12 - The expectation of being \_\_\_\_\_ or doing the right thing.
2. Matt. 7:21-23- The expectation of acceptance and the disappointment of rejection.

D. Disappointment can be in several areas.

1. Plans that are foolish or improper.
  - A. Plans that don't consider \_\_\_\_\_. Prov. 15:22
  - B. Plans that are contrary to God or conflict God's will for our lives. Job 5:12 Jonah 1-4 James 4 Heb. 12:5 I Cor. 9:19, 20 I Thess. 4:1-7
2. Plans that are Proper (Sincere).
  - A. May not be best. 2 Cor. 12:8 Acts 16:6-10 Paul's plan for Asia was good, but God's plan was best.
  - B. Mary & Martha had plans for Lazarus. John 11
  - C. We may want to serve God in a specific place, but He may place us in another.

William Carey said, "God always gives His best to those who leave the choice up to Him"

3. Plans Based on God's Promise. Here we would expect NO Disappointment; and yet, we find that even these plans can be a source of disappointment if we don't consider.

A. The T \_\_\_\_\_ Factor.

1. Abraham was promised a people (son) from Sarah; but he got ahead of God. His hope got deferred, but not canceled.

B. The Location factor. Joseph was promised power. I Kings 17:1-

C. The Circumstantial Factor. David was promised a position.

\*\* At the most unlikely point, the promises of God came to pass.\*\* 2 Cor. 12:9

E. Disappointment Defeated.

1. How it defeats us.

- A. We attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ things happen. (Abraham's son Ishmael) Lot's daughters
- B. We react in the wrong way. Abraham went to Egypt. David sought protection from the Philistines.
- C. We mistrust God. Jer. 20:7-9

2. How can WE Defeat It.

- A. T \_\_\_\_\_ that God is in Control of all circumstances. Prov. 3:5,6
- B. Believe that God will fulfill all His promises.
- C. Be Patient Ps. 37:1-8